

Minutes August 16, 2010

Present: Gloria Medeiros, David Weed, Jane Harrison, Bob Rutkiewicz, Helen Hawkinson

Regrets: Kurt Jamiel Chair: Gloria Medeiros

Next Meeting: September 20, 2010

Minutes: July 19, 2010 approved

Meeting: Warren Town Hall Conference Room called to order by Chair Gloria Medeiros at 7:00pm

Correspondence: Letter to Bob from Philip Edwards re. Kickemuit Fishway.

Letter to Gloria from attorneys representing Stop & Shop.

Letter to Town of Warren from CRMC re. property at Plat 13D, Lot 340.

Letter from Tree Commission Chair Charles Staton to Town Manager.

Old Business:

1. Storm Drain Marking: There is no work scheduled on curbs on Metacom Ave. The CC will begin marking when temperature drops in the Fall.

2. Hugh Cole Well - David reported that the re-dedication of the well will be held on Saturday, September 4th at 10am on the bike path. David will send a press release. Sara Weed will take pictures. Gloria will take care of the coffee and pastry. Helen will bring chairs, table, and flowers. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Pete Sepe Pavilion.

3. Inventory of Detention/retention ponds - Bob has no new ponds to add to the list. The ponds we know are: Strawberry Lane, Evie Drive, Industrial Way, Barker Avenue, and Taddy Avenue.

4. Habitat Restoration - Fatima Drive - Jane met with a designer from Natural Resources Conservation Services who suggested Pollinator Bees, Bats and Butterflies suitable for the site, as well as brush piles and high bush blueberries. The designer suggested we wait for a design. Jane reported the grass had not been mowed and there were no other changes. No decisions were made and no vote taken.

5. Beautification - Company Street Scenic Waterfront Overlook - Cynthia Henley sent Jane a design produced by Tony Guida. Jane proposed she request from Cynthia the price out for the design and/or the links to the companies involved in providing the pieces included in the design. The CC would present an evaluated plan to the town planner who would write the proposal for the grant. Bob so moved, David seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RT.114 entrance to Town - After discussion about the height of the supports holding the Town of Warren sign, Helen said that height was necessary if the sign were to be visible to occupants of cars crossing the bridge and entering town. Gloria proposed and it was agreed that the supports should be painted the same green of the sign itself. Bob volunteered to contact John Massed and request that it be done. The well under the sign has been planted with a large number of annuals, the lawn is kept mowed and the shrubs are surviving the heat.

Main & Crescent Streets - David spoke to John Massed about the overgrowth, weedy, unattractive appearance of this prominently placed corner lot. The death of the former DPW employee who had planted and maintained the space in the past and the fact that DPW is short staffed while employees take summer vacations make it unlikely that much will be done. Bob suggested we try to find a Boy Scout needing a project to meet the requirements to be an Eagle Scout. Helen volunteered to see if there are any in Warren.

6. Kickemuit Reservoir Fish Ladder - Bob reported a functioning but leaking slide gate has been installed on the fish ladder. Bob emailed Phillip Edwards at DEM. Mr Edwards responded with the following: *
The ladder was opened by Water Department this Spring

- * It will be stocked with river herring in April 2011**

- * Automatic tide gate is not installed, but planned opening in future, according to NCRS - possibly next spring**

- * Spring 2011 he hopes to see results of stocking efforts (adults returning to fishway)**

- * Plan to stock reservoir with broodstock, if available in 2011.**

New Business:

1. Stop & Shop Gas Facility - CC received a letter from attorney John Mancini requesting comments from us regarding their client's proposal. The CC raised the following concerns:

- * Request the Engineers identify the existing pattern of drainage for**

the plaza

- * Need for the best available technology to stop any drainage into Kickemuit River**

- * Maintenance schedule for drainage - Questions exist about the maintenance schedule of the existing drainage system**

- * Install and paint a crosswalk across driveway for pedestrians**

- * Plans for plantings and plant maintenance**

Jane will reply to John Mancini's request including the concerns listed above.

**2. CRMC Dock Application - Craig & Leslie Lippmann - 25 Shore Drive
- Jane recused herself, she is an abutter to the property. Gloria agreed to reply to CRMC stating the CC's concerns.**

3. Warren Tree Commission Request for Liaison - Charles Staton sent letter to Town Manager Richard Paduch, and copies to Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission requesting each of these groups appoint a liaison to the Warren Tree Commission. Bob volunteered.

There being no further business, Helen moved that the meeting adjourn. Gloria seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Helen Hawkinson